GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:11
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009
STRIKE BY AIR INDIA PILOTS
Jeyadural Shri S. R.;Patil Shri A.T. Nana

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilots of Air India had gone on strike recently due to the cut effected in the performance linked incentive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of revenue loss incurred by Air India due to the strike by its pilots;

(d) whether all the disputes which lead to the said strike have been sorted out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) and (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED () QUESTION NO.11 FOR 19.11.2009 REGARDING STRIKE BY AIR INDIA PILOTS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Consequent to the decision of the Management of the Company to reduce the PLI and flying related allowances in respect of Executives of all streams and officers of NACIL, the executive pilots of erstwhile Indian Airlines stated reporting sick and absented themselves in a concerted manner from 26.9.2009 and that of erstwhile Air India from 28.9.2009.

(c): NACIL incurred a loss of approx.Rs. 65.00 crores due to the Pilot strike in September,2009.

(d) & (e): In order to address the disputes and to defuse the situation and with the view to review the decision of reduction in PLI/flying related allowances,a Board Sub-Committee was constituted to examine all related issues and submit its recommendation to the Board. The Committee held meetings with various Unions/Associations/Guilds including the Executive Pilots to sort out the disputes. In the meantime, the management has effected the payment of PLI/flying related allowances on November 10, 2009, which is payable in the month of September, 2009.